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HOMELAND SECURITY STARTS WITH YOU!

The events that occurred on September 11, 2001 changed our lives forever. We realized for the first time how we are not removed from the terrorism that affects other nations. I know that each one of us can recall where we were and what we were doing on that very day.

We have learned many things since that September and one of those things is terrorism is a complex issue and a threat to our communities. The question was no longer what can they do, but, what can we do? We now know that homeland security involves each and every member of our communities and that means you!

Homeland Security and crime prevention go hand and hand. First, terrorism is a crime. Because of this fact, we can attach crime prevention to it. Second, we know that by preventing terrorism, we are also making our communities safer and more secure. Third, in order to prevent terrorism and crime, it requires that each one of us take action. This means individuals, neighborhood groups, local organizations, state and national agencies. Each role is equally important to our success at home and abroad. Fourth, we must overcome the issue of fear and use learned crime prevention techniques to circumvent it. Fifth, by assessing the risks, we can start to direct resources where needed.



From The Desk Of Commander Burl Haenel

I hope everyone has had a pleasant time maneuvering through the Holidays. December was a busy month for the District with the transition of a new District Commander, the holidays, not to mention the arrest of some bad guys. It is my intention, as we move into the New Year, to begin a plan of personal contact with a variety of community groups. The purpose is to put a live person with the photo you see in the newsletter or the voice you hear on the phone. I look forward to these meetings and hope our conversations will lead to an even greater partnership and enhanced ability for communication and problem solving.

Sincerely,

Commander Burl Haenel
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FAST FACT



In 2005, District 2 had 481 burglaries from vehicles from January through September. This is 28.5% less than 2004 during the same time. Please remember to keep your doors locked, windows rolled up and your valuables hidden from view.

If you have a question, concern or if you would like a security survey of your property, please call Officer Mark Ruffennach at (480) 312-5696.

Homeland Security (continued)

Citizens over the last 25 years have become familiar with crime prevention programs such as Neighborhood Watch, residential and commercial security surveys, and citizen patrols. Terrorism prevention is a new topic for most of us.

Now that I have identified similarities between the two, the question still remains what can we do? It starts and ends with involvement! Here is a list of basic crime prevention principles:

- *Inform yourself on how to better secure your family, your home, your business, and your neighborhood.*
- *Teach others to remain alert and always be aware of your surroundings and those around you.*
- *Report suspicious activity to the local law enforcement agency.*
- *Start a Neighborhood Watch program in your community or be actively involved in an existing one.*
- *Have the Neighborhood Watch captain be a liaison between your neighborhood and the local law enforcement agency.*
- *Create a communication tree among your Neighborhood Watch group to disseminate information quickly and to turn rumor into fact.*

Prevention is the key to safeguarding our country. The techniques although using Neighborhood Watch as a source can be applied to any business, civic group or organization, homeowner's groups, youth groups, service and social clubs and faith communities to name a few. Remember the question I asked you earlier, "What can we do?" The answer is simple, a lot!

THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION URGES CONSUMERS TO BE SAFE ONLINE

The Federal Trade Commission has partnered with many computer experts including federal officials to keep you safe online. They have launched a "new multimedia, interactive consumer education campaign" to help educate the public of the dangers that may exist on the computer. The www.OnGuardOnline.gov website has everything from tips and articles to educational videos. According to Deborah Platt Majoras, Chairman of the FTC, "an aware computer user is more likely to recognize a phishing e-mail, more likely to download a spyware detector, and far less likely to disclose, expose, or unwittingly share personal information." The website will teach you how to recognize scams on the Internet, how to shop securely online, how to avoid hackers and viruses, and how to deal with spam, spyware, phishing and peer-to-peer file-sharing.

DO YOU SUSPECT THAT THERE IS DRUG ACTIVITY IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

The Scottsdale Police Department has established a new tip line to report suspected drug activity. The tip line, **480-312-TIPS** or 312-8477, was started due to the city and state's concern for the methamphetamine problem.

Citizens like you are our greatest source of information to our two drug enforcement units. The benefit will not only be a telephone number for citizens to report suspected drug activity but will provide for a more effective and efficient collection of this valuable information.

This telephone line will be monitored by an assigned Drug Enforcement Unit Detective who will evaluate the channeling of phone calls through multiple employees. Our hope is that this new tip line will translate into the arrest and removal of more persons associating themselves with drugs. An online complaint form will soon be available on the www.scottsdaleaz.gov website for those that prefer to write the complaint instead of calling it in.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LIVING THE DREAM

12th Annual Scottsdale Community Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dinner Celebration
January 9th, 2006 at 5:45 p.m.
Chaparral Suites, 5001 N. Scottsdale Rd.
For more information call (480) 312-6050

2ND ANNUAL P.F. CHANG'S ROCK 'N' ROLL ARIZONA MARATHON ARTWALK

January 12th, 2006 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Downtown Scottsdale
For more information call (480) 990-3939 or visit
www.scottsdalegalleries.com

The Scottsdale Police Department



Wants You!

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Police Officer, Police Aide, Communications, Detention Officers, Crime Lab, Records, and Crime Scene Specialists. Visit our website at www.Scottsdalepd.com or contact Officer Greg Carlin at 480-312-5384 gcarlin@scottsdaleaz.gov.